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An Invitation

Dear Graduates and Friends:

Indiana State Teachers College extends to you a most cordial invitation to participate in the Sixty-Ninth Annual Commencement Exercises which will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 5-6. We have again followed the plan of centering the major activities on these two days so as to make it possible for you to attend without having to take any considerable amount of time away from your regular business routine and we most sincerely want you to be present.

More than ever this year, we believe that you will enjoy a visit to your Alma Mater. The beautiful new Student Union Building offers excellent facilities for a meeting place with old friends and associates of years past and, after all, this is one of the most pleasurable parts of commencement activities. Friendships that are formed during those most pleasant years of our memories—our college years—are the ones that mean so much to us and grow in intensity as the years pass. The facilities of this Student Union Building, as well as all other facilities on the campus, are at your command. We believe that you will enjoy seeing the growth that the college has made and we are sure that we will enjoy having you with us.

We believe that the programs that have been arranged will be of interest to all. By request of hundreds of graduates, students and friends of the collegé, Dr. Edward Howard Griggs has been brought back this year for the commencement address. He is undoubtedly one of the most pleasing and commanding speakers on the public platform today and we are sure that you will enjoy hearing him. However, the success of commencement activities or of any college activity is measured only by the interest it arouses among its graduates and friends and we want the exercises this year to be the most successful in our long history. We shall look forward with pleasure to meeting and greeting you during these two days.

Ralph N. Cirey,
President

GENERAL PROGRAM
of
COMMENCEMENT WEEK

FRIDAY, MAY THIRTY-FIRST

8:00 P. M. , Commencement Exercises, Laboratory High School, Indiana State Teachers College Sycamore Theatre
Laboratory School

MONDAY, JUNE THIRD

8:00 P. M. , Reception by President and Mrs. Ralph N. Tirey for Members of Graduating Classes
Student Union Building

TUESDAY, JUNE FOURTH

9:00 P. M. , Senior Ball Ballroom, Student Union Building

WEDNESDAY, JUNE FIFTH

10:00 A. M. , Alumni-Senior Convocation, featuring the Book and Torch Ceremony of the Indiana State Teachers College Alumni Association
Auditorium, Student Union Building

12:15 P. M. , Class Reunion Luncheons

6:15 P. M. , Alumni-Senior Banquet
Ballroom, Student Union Building

9:00 P. M. , Reception by State Teachers College Board, Administration and Faculty of Indiana State Teachers College for Members of Graduating Classes and Alumni
Student Union Building

THURSDAY, JUNE SIXTH

9:30 A. M. , Sixty-Ninth Annual Commencement Exercises
Physical Education Building

The Sixty-Ninth Commencement

Indiana State Teachers College will hold its sixty-ninth annual commencement exercises in the Physical Education Building at 9:30 a. m., Thursday, June 6th, according to a recent announcement made by President Ralph N. Tirey. Various factors, among which the site of holding the commencement exercises seemed to be most outstanding, have served to prevent plans for the exercises taking early form but final decision was made late last week and all plans are now fairly well under way.

As has been customary for the past several years, the events of the program have very largely been grouped in the two days, June 5-6, in order to make it more convenient for graduates to attend the exercises and a most cordial invitation is extended to all former students, graduates, and friends of the college to attend. If you have not been back to the college for a visit for some time, you will enjoy not only the renewing of old friendships that commencement time always affords but you will also be interested in seeing the rapid growth and development that the college has made. Even though this invitation is somewhat belated due to a series of incidents that could not be prevented, we sincerely hope that you will set these two days aside from your regular business routine and plan a visit with us.

The program of Commencement Week will be officially opened with the commencement exercises of the Laboratory School which will be held in the Sycamore Theatre of the Laboratory School Building on Friday evening, May 31, at 8 o'clock.

On Monday evening, June 3rd, a reception will be given by President and Mrs. Ralph N. Tirey for the members of the graduating classes in the Student Union Building and on Tuesday night, June 4th, the annual Senior Ball will be held in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building. Wayne McIntyre and his Statesmen will provide the music for the ball. The time has been announced as 9 p. m. until 12.

Officially opening a busy day on Wednesday, June 5, will be the Alumni-Senior convocation which will be held in the Auditorium of the Student Union Building at 10 a. m. The first half of this program will be given by the members of the graduating class while the second part will be under the direction of the alumni. Class speakers who have been selected for the occasion are Robert Ratcliffe and Miss Margaret Mitchell while a vocal solo will be given by Miss Mary Louise Hicks. Additional musical numbers will be provided by the a cappella choir of the college under the direction of Prof. Lowell Mason Tilson. An invitation has been extended to Robert E. Strickler, a graduate of the Class of 1920, who is especially prominent in music circles in St. Louis, to sing two solo numbers on the program but definite confirmation that he will be present has not been received.

The alumni address at this meeting will be given by Herbert S. Jones, superintendent of schools at Gary, Indiana. Mr. Jones was graduated from the college in the Class of 1908 and has enjoyed a varied experience in the educational field. He became superintendent of schools at Gary two years

ago upon the death of William A. Wirt after having been connected with the schools of that city for a long number of years. Following the address by Mr. Jones, the final part of the Book and Torch ceremony will be conducted by Mr. H. E. Binford, president of the Alumni Association, and Herbert Klausmeier, president of the Class of 1940, as the concluding number on the program.

The remainder of the day on Wednesday, including the noon hour, will be left open for reunions and the general renewing of old acquaintances and connections with the college. In past years, facilities have been rather few for these reunions but the new Student Union Building, with its various activities rooms and spacious lounge offers excellent accommodations for these groups. Groups from several classes are planning informal "get-togethers" during the noon hour and the afternoon. The Alumni Office is anxious to cooperate in any and every way possible in the planning of these meetings.

At 6:15, the Alumni-Senior Banquet will be held in the new ballroom of the Student Union Building. A new plan is being initiated this year in connection with this function. The dinner will be served in the ballroom but, instead of the program being held around the banquet tables under the crowded and uncomfortable conditions that are usually prevalent, immediately after the dinner has been completed, adjournment will be made to the auditorium for the program. This program will include the official presentation of the Class of 1940 to the Alumni Association by Dr. R. A. Acher, the acceptance of the Class of 1940 into the Alumni Association by Mr. H. E. Binford, and the acceptance of the obligations by Miss Jean Ahlemeyer. An invitation to speak at this meeting has been extended to Miss Caroline Colvin, a graduate in the Class of 1890 who served for many years in the University of Maine, Orono, Maine, as a professor of history and now holds the title of Professor Emeritus.

While this program is being held in the auditorium, the ballroom will be cleared of the tables and made ready for the reception by the Teachers College Board for the members of the Class of 1940 and all returning graduates. Both the banquet and the reception are informal and a special invitation to attend is extended to all former students and graduates. Tables will be reserved at the banquet for members of the Class of 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, and 1940. Reservations for the banquet will be 85c per plate and reservations should be addressed to the Alumni Office, Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Ind. If you are a member of any of these "ten-year" classes, please signify on the reservation request in order that proper seating arrangement can be made.

The annual commencement exercises will be held at 9:30 a. m., Thursday, June 6, at the Physical Education Building. A considerable division of opinion arose among the members of the class as to the most suitable place for holding the exercises,—the Auditorium of the Student Union Building or the Physical Education Building. Balloting on the part of the seniors showed an even division of opinion but it was finally decided in favor of the Physical Education Building on account of its increased seating capacity.

The commencement address will be given by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs who has proved an exceptionally popular speaker with Terre Haute audiences. He gave the commencement address here two years ago and returned during the past year for an address in connection with the dedication program of the Student Union Building and the Fine Arts and Commerce Building. Requests for his return were so numerous that he is being brought back again for the commencement this year and that fact alone insures an interesting commencement.

We want you to consider this publication as your official invitation to attend the commencement exercises this year. We believe that, with the addition of the Student Union Building and its facilities as well as other improved conditions of the campus, commencement week can be made to mean more and more each year as facilities are now available for class reunions which were never available before. We want you to feel that the Alumni Office is your point of contact with the college and that we are always to be of any service possible. Even though the time is short, plan to be with us during these two days, June 5th and 6th.

Class Reunions

In past years, reunions of classes at commencement time have been seriously handicapped by the lack of proper facilities on the campus. About all that has been possible has been for members of the class to meet in the old familiar halls of the Administration Building and wander about through the various classrooms where they were together in classes. There was no central meeting place and, for the most part, if any luncheon or dinner meetings were held, they must be held off the campus. However, all this has been changed with the completion of the Student Union Building. Its spacious and beautiful lounge, its dining rooms, its activities rooms, and fountain room offer the very best of facilities.

It has been the custom in years past to hold reunions at ten-year periods. This year is the year for reunions of the Classes of 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930. Several from each of these classes have stated their intentions of being present but there has been no very large response. However, special tables are being reserved at the banquet for these classes and special rooms will be assigned to any from whom the responses are fairly large.

Past experience in class reunions have proved that much of the promotional work must come from within the class itself as a letter from a classmate or group of classmates carries far more appeal than a letter from the Alumni Office. We are suggesting that plans be started immediately for the reunions of next year, either at Homecoming or at Commencement or at any other time during the year. The Alumni Office is always glad to cooperate in every way possible and will be glad to assist in planning a reunion at any time. Friendships formed during college days are always the most lasting of all friendships and we cannot afford to let them be dimmed by the passing years. Plan that class reunion now—whether it be one year, five years, ten years or fifty years. You will find that the growth and development of the college has kept pace in every way with the high position it holds in educational ranks.

Stalker Memorial

For several years many students who were privileged to sit in the classes of the late Francis Marion Stalker during his long period of service to the college and to form many of their life ideals through his inspirational teaching have expressed a desire to pay some special honor to his memory. However, it is only recently that such a movement has gotten under way. A few weeks ago, Mr. H. E. Binford, president of the Alumni Association, appointed a committee consisting of Miss Ethel M. Ray, J. J. Maehling, and Miss Helen Ederle to formulate plans for such a memorial.

Some few years ago, Stalker Hall was named in his honor. In seeking to establish some sort of a memorial, the committee could think of nothing more fitting than to establish within the walls of Stalker Hall a plaque bearing his Educational Creed which he recited so often in his classes. The committee felt that it was a fitting tribute that the beautiful thoughts of this Educational Creed expressed in its beautiful wording should thus be preserved that future generations might be inspired by its philosophy.

Letters have been sent out from the Alumni Office to many of our graduates but, if such a letter has not reached you and you should desire to make some contribution toward the establishing of this plaque in Stalker Hall, it may be sent to J. C. Hannah, Alumni Office, Indiana State Teachers College. The cost of such a plaque is not great and we do not desire large contributions, desiring rather that it come from large numbers of his admirers. Popular contributions to date have been one dollar.

Summer Terms

Several inquires have been received at the Alumni Office recently relative to the Summer Terms at Indiana State Teachers College. We presume that you have received schedules for these terms by this time but, in case you have not, we are listing the following information. The First Summer Term will open on June 10 and close on July 12. The Second Summer Term will open July 15 and close August 16. Registration will take place on the first day of each term in the Physical Education Building from 7:30 a. m. until 12 M and 1:30 p. m. until 4:00 p. m. Trial programs should be filed in the Registrar's office at least twelve days before the opening of the term.

Starting in 1941, only one summer term will be offered at Indiana State Teachers College. This term will open on June 9th, according to the present calendar, and will extend for eight weeks. The regular amount of credit that can be earned will be twelve hours.

The College Bands

THE MARCHING BAND is in every respect a MOBILE MUSICAL UNIT.

This group, all men, except for Juanita Webb, attractive ambidextrous twirler, stresses playing and singing as well as marching. Good music, well played, comes first, and marching, second. The stirring marches, school songs, and current popular hits played by the band the past season were received with much enthusiastic appreciation by the crowds in the stands as well as by the thousands who overflowed the sidewalks for the downtown parades. THE MARCHING BAND endeavors to fit into the general show at the home football games, to assist in College and Civic parades and to make one or more out-of-town trips with the team each fall.

THE BASKETBALL BAND is a section of the concert band and is composed of torrid basketball fans, as well as good musicians. This group presents many novelties and specialties at the home basketball games and expends much "extra steam" rooting for those Fight'n' Sycamores. The membership is open to both men and women.

THE CONCERT BAND with a membership of seventy outstanding men and women musicians on the campus, not only studies and plays many of the higher forms of music, but presents several public concerts each year and cooperates with the Radio Education Division in developing a series of music education broadcasts over WBOV. This series, THE TEACHERS COLLEGE PARADE, was developed by Dr. Clarence M. Morgan, Director of Radio Education at the College.

The thirty-one public performances given by the BANDS this College year are but by-products of the music educational program carried on in this division of the Music Department. Many future bandmasters are receiving training in these groups and several have served as directors on various programs this school year.

SOLOISTS

The following have appeared with the band this year as soloists:

Virginia Carpenter, Soprano	Francis Davey, Trombone
Muriel Moyer, Soprano	Robert Eggloff, Tenor
John Briggs, Piano	Orlen Hungerford, Marimba
Myron Cannon, Tenor	Tom Kersey, Baritone

Robert Millon, Tenor

STUDENT DIRECTORS

Eight students have directed the band in public. They are:

Barbara Booe	Robert Hawkins	Joe Luther	Robert Millon
Helen Huntwork	Kenneth Kersey	Karl Miller	Mack Ralston

Other Activities

The breakfast meeting of the "T" Mens Alumni Association will be held in the private dining rooms of the Student Union Building at 7:45 a. m., Thursday, June 6. Herbert I. Lamb is president of the organization. Cards are being sent out to active members of the organization upon which reservations may be made but all "letter men" of the school, whether or not they have been active in this organization, are cordially invited to attend this meeting. Reservations at 50c per plate should be made with V. R. Rutherford, Secretary, "T" Mens Alumni Association, 2921 Fenwood Avenue, Terre Haute, Ind.

At this breakfast meeting, the award of the "T" blanket will be made to that athlete who, in the opinion of the special committee appointed, has brought the greatest honor to the college during the past year.

In another connection we have mentioned the Alumni-Senior Banquet which will be held in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building Wednesday evening, June 5, at 6:15 p. m. Reservations for this banquet at 85c per plate should be made by calling or writing the Alumni Office, Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana. We especially invite your attendance at this banquet as it is here that the Class of 1940 is officially received into alumni ranks. Let's have a large body of alumni present to receive them.

Looking ahead to next school year, we want to call your attention to Blue and White Day, annual homecoming of the college. The exact date for this has not yet been set as there has been considerable agitation to get it a little further removed from the time of the Indiana State Teachers Association. However, it will be settled within a short time and you will be notified of the exact date. Harold Morford and Rosalie Homrig have been appointed as co-chairmen for the event and they have already begun to make preliminary plans.

These Blue and White Days have grown rapidly in interest in the last few years and the Student Union Building should add a prominent part in making them even more enjoyable affairs. Make attendance at Blue and White Day as one of your obligations for the coming school year.

And while you are visiting here for the commencement activities, do not miss seeing the new swimming pool in the Student Union Building. It is undoubtedly one of the finest in the state and has won high praise from those interested in this sport from all parts of the state.

We know that you will include a visit to the Fine Arts and Commerce Building on your itinerary. This building is just about the last word in facilities for work in these three special fields and is as artistic as a Fine Arts Building should be. You will also be interested in visiting the Art Gallery which it houses.